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Re: Application of: Ulrich KNOTT et al.  
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For: MANUFACTURING PLANT IN PARTICULAR A  
ROTATIONAL FRICTION WELDING PLANT WITH AT  
LEAST ONE ADJUSTER DEVICE COMPRISING TWO  
INTERLEAVED FRAMES

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the following Amendments be made in the above-identified matter prior to examination thereof: